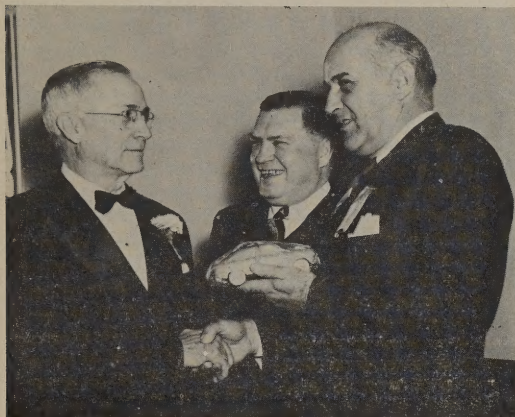


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## CONGRATULATE VETERAN ROAD BUILDER



While ex-Governor Harold G. Hoffman smiles approval, A. Paul King, director of the Board of Freeholders of Ocean County, presents Edward E. Reed with a model automobile symbolic of the gift of a new car which awaited at the curb outside the hotel.

FRIENDS HONOR EDWARD E. REED  
AT TESTIMONIAL DINNER40 Years With State Highway Department Marked  
By Large Attendance

Edward E. Reed, supervising engineer of State Aid Projects, was signally honored on November 17 at a testimonial dinner given by his many friends throughout New Jersey. The affair, which was attended by more than 1,200 persons, was held in the Essex House in Newark, and marked Mr. Reed's 40 years of continuous service with the Highway Department.

A. Paul King, director of Board of Chosen Freeholders, Ocean County, was general chairman of the affair, while former Governor Harold G. Hoffman, executive director of Unemployment Compensation Commission, acted as toastmaster.

The occasion did more than honor Edward E. Reed. In a way it also paid tribute to an era of unprecedented highway development.

Back in 1909 when Ed Reed entered the employ of the State Highway Department, the automobile was just beginning to make its presence felt in New Jersey. The then existent New Jersey Department of Public Roads consisted of an office force of six persons. Travel over existing roads was tortuous and inspection was carried on by train, foot, horse and carriage, bicycles, and later on motorcycles. The State Aid grant for 21 counties in 1909 was \$500,000 a year, as compared with \$16,000,000 today.

From this modest beginning Ed Reed has been a part of the Highway Department and has witnessed at first hand the ever-increasing expansion of highway programs that has resulted in the fine network of roads which today make up our fine highway system. He has further played an important part in that development. It was therefore entirely fitting that he should have been honored on this occasion.

Among the speakers were ex-Governor Morgan Larson, former State Highway Engineers W. G. B. Thompson and James Logan, State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., State Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick, and Freeholder William Ludlam of Bergen County.

Mr. Reed was presented with a Buick automobile as a tribute to the high esteem with which he is held.

The committee in charge of arrangements included: A. Paul King, general chairman; Hugh J. Connelly, Troy Carmichael, Alfred A. Faxon, Jr., Frank E. Harris, Harry F. Harris, Charles F. Hunt, Thomas B. H. LaBar, James Logan, Leon C. McKeon, Thomas McLighe, Jr., Frank J. Radigan, Frank A. Reddan, James J. Smith, and R. W. Wildblood.

BASKETBALL TEAM  
IN TRENTON LEAGUE

After a lapse of many years the sports minded men of the Trenton area of the State Highway Department have organized a basketball team which has entered the City League. The aggregation has been named the Highway Pioneers and to date have compiled a record of 2 games won and 5 lost.

Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Parker and Grant schools in Trenton and the team would appreciate having a following of Highway men and women. To date their record is unimpressive but gradually they are rounding into shape and should be cashing in on the winning column soon.

The team is made up of Charles Donahue and Bob Brannon at forwards; Mike Carmichael and Art Gennari at Guards; and Jim Donahue at center. Others on the squad are Bob Rasmussen, Jack McKeever, Harry Brown, Jack Rochford, Jr., and Archie Brackel.

Henry Brackel has assumed the coaching duties with the managerial assignment is handled by Bill Rasmussen.

## Christmas, 1949

"Across the greying waste of ocean  
They lift a light and sound a song;  
Who spares not self will save his nation.  
Whose heart is right, his cause is strong."

These lines from the poet Morris H. Martin, while perhaps less well known than others in the English-speaking world, carry a message of truth and light that is peculiarly appropriate to the Christmas season. His noble words are addressed to those who in a spirit of selflessness serve their Nation and to the pure in heart. We shall all do well to ponder these words as we gather together to celebrate once again the birthday of One whose life was one of utter selflessness and whose heart was overflowing with love for all humanity. How greatly a troubled world needs such a spirit of unselfishness and such universal good will!

The United Nations which is pledged to work for the preservation of peace among the Nations, has been holding a session of its General Assembly in New York. It has been significant not for any resolutions adopted but rather for the debates on World Peace. By a strange irony the advancement of the cause of peace seems to be greatly strengthened by the recent completion of the experiments in Russia with the development of an atomic bomb. While the veil of secrecy surrounds the true nature of that discovery in that land, the fact that this new vast power is now shared by other nations may prove a restraint on its use by any government.

But the vast power of atomic weapons will not itself preserve the peace unless there is the will to peace among men and nations. Peace must come within the heart of man as indeed it must proceed from within the heart of a nation.

So again the age-old Message of Christmas — of "peace to men of good will" has a special timeliness for us today. We need to utter it again and learn increasingly to live by that standard.

Let all of us then who serve together in the Highway Department and seek to serve the people of our State remember that he "who spares not self will save his nation." To each of you my hearty best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Spencer Miller, Jr.  
State Highway Commissioner

Miller Appoints  
Joseph A. Combs  
Personnel HeadFormer Army Officer Assumed Duties Effective  
October 15

Joseph A. Combs, of Bordentown, a former executive officer in the U. S. Army, was appointed to the position of Personnel Director by State Highway Commissioner Miller. The appointment, which was made pending examination, became effective October 15th and since that date Mr. Combs has been assuming the duties of that position.



JOSEPH A. COMBS

The new personnel officer, a former Trentonian, is married and makes his home in Bordentown. Prior to the war he was well known as an outstanding polo player with the 112th Field Artillery, an organization of which he was a member for 12 years.

In 1940 Mr. Combs entered the army as a 2nd lieutenant and was sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. From this famous field artillery school, he was transferred to Camp Robinson, and then Arkansas, with the rank of captain, he was assigned to serve as executive officer to a German prisoner of war camp in Louisiana. Here he not only had an active part in the establishment of 21 similar camps, but later was placed in charge of contract negotiations between planters and the army for the services of war prisoners in the sugar cane fields.

In addition to these duties Mr. Combs handled payrolls and personnel matters for the regular army personnel and also for the German prisoners. One of his duties at this time was to see that the Geneva Convention Rules of Land Warfare were observed in the handling of the prisoners.

After six years in the army, Mr. Combs was honorably discharged with rank of major to become affiliated with the Veterans' Employment Service as a field assistant. More recently he was promoted to assistant State Veterans' Employment representative of New Jersey. In this capacity he worked with personnel directors and managers in the placement of veterans in industry, particularly those suffering from physical handicaps. It was from this position that Mr. Combs came to the State Highway Department.



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## SURVEY and PLANS

FRED C. CLAUS

It would be an ideal arrangement if we could all get together so that each of us in the Division of Survey and Plans could personally extend to the others in our Division and in the Department our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. However, we are fortunate in having THE HIGHWAY to transmit our thoughts.

The holiday season marks the close of a year. We can look back at our accomplishments while working together and know that we have taken some forward steps in creating facilities that will serve for many years—perhaps for generations to come. We have not done this alone, but by cooperation with many others through organization. The knowledge of having done a part in a task that is much too large for anyone to do alone brings to us a realization of the possibilities that lie in cooperative human effort. The benefits are in keeping with the spirit of Christmas; the counting of them can be recorded at each New Year.

The New Year begins for us with the expectation of another period of more steps toward the objectives of our chosen life work—the creation of things in which all can share with enjoyment. May we tackle our job with a feeling of satisfaction for the old and zest for the new. May we more than before see ourselves as a necessary part of a large movement toward better things and may we derive a greater pleasure in earning our self-respect through cooperation in being more useful to others. Again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Harold W. Giffin

## NEWARK

Ralph Perry

Austin Schenck and Harry Stover are acquiring sons-in-law in the near future. Austin also is sporting a new Buick—don't let your foot get too heavy. By the way, Harry has moved back to Morristown.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Bert Vreeland, whose sister died recently.

Since Harold Lange and Eddie Miller bought television sets a few weeks ago, the movies are no doubt losing money.

Max Brower is using up some of his vacation, possibly giving his family a break or lining up the spring planting program. In his absence from the office, Frank Collins is coordinating the field forces.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Archibald Patterson, whose wife passed away a short while ago. Since retirement a couple of years ago, Pat has been residing in Oakland Park, Fla.

## TRENTON

Al Cohen

Season's greetings to all.

Charlie Ah's baffling illness is also disturbing his many friends. We're all pulling for you, Charlie, and hoping that the near future will find you at your old post, fully recovered, and playing your skilful game of gin which many of us miss.

Some of those who have recently acquired television sets are: Ollie Lozier, Jim Hamilton, John

Madden, and Will Watson. Many others are on the verge.

Owners of new cars are Fred Claus and Ralph Fisher.

The most recent issue of the Ten Year Club "Highlights" was well received. To Ollie Lozier go thanks as chairman of the editorial staff.

Are those wedding bells that Henry Stephan hears, or just Rudy Vogel's clocks?

We bid farewell to Winnie Brady whose transfer is recorded in GLAMOR GOSSIP.

A surprise luncheon was recently held at Linda's Cafe for Claire Congelton, who became Mrs. Joseph Basco on November 19.

Some of those who have recently traveled to distant places are: Mr. Giffin to the Lone Star State and Mexico; Will Watson to Florida; Mr. Temperley to Ohio; and yours truly to the Pine-Tree State.

## CRANFORD

Jim Roper

New arrivals: Ben Devinney, Dick Hobson, Chris Hehn, Bob Mulhern, Joe Laughney, and Bob Kennedy, as aides; Frank Triscari, Pat Gennaro, John Bara, Len Lehman, Phil Phillips, and Angel Torres, as juniors; and Dick Curtis as assistant.

We must extend a welcome to all of these fellows who are new to the Department as well as to Mike Carolan, Lenny Liebowitz, Bill Kirchner, and Bob Turner, who are assigned here "temporarily" from the Newark Office and also to Jack Whitehead, Jim Hyde, Abe Linclon, Jim Ireton, and Al Lawson from the Trenton Office.

Very new arrival: Mark David born on November 16 to Ed and Mrs. McNierney, their first. Mom and the baby are fine. Our congratulations to the new parents.

Al Kay returned from a year's leave spent at Rutgers "getting edgекated." While he was on leave he and his wife "Broke the Bank" on the national quiz show. They left the radio station with a check for their winnings only to find that they didn't have enough cash to pay the fee in the parking lot and the tunnel fare. The fellow who ran the parking lot overheard them discussing their problems and told them they could mail what they owed to him later.

Mr. and Mrs. Braybrooke spent several weeks vacationing in England and France visiting relatives and renewing old acquaintances.

Kyle Totten has been transferred from Mercer Hospital to a nursing home at 537 Rutherford Avenue, Trenton.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas party to be held in the office before the long Christmas weekend, and on the subject of Christmas we in Cranford extend our sincere wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

## UPPER MONTCLAIR

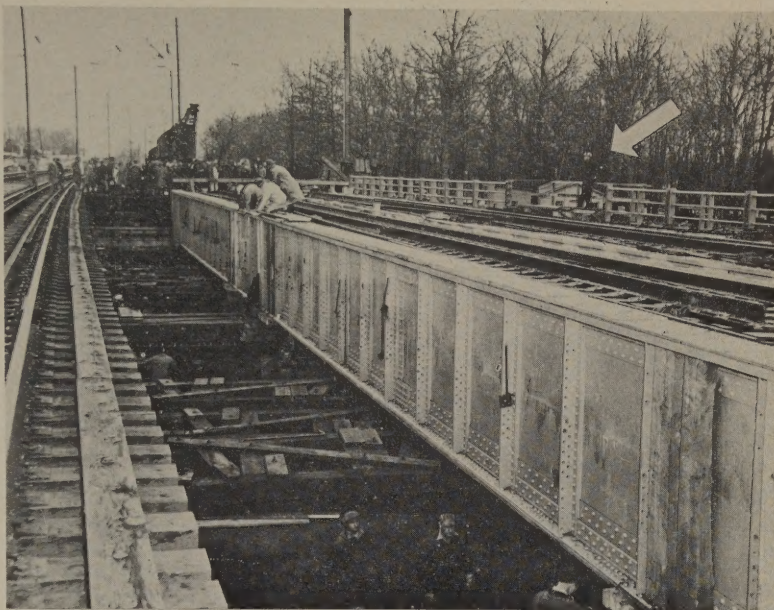
Frank J. Spagnola

Did you know Nick Tuozzo lost his appendix not long ago? Don't look for it, though, he doesn't want it back. He feels fine.

Jr. Eng. Frank Artusio, our new man, is a brother to Joe Artusio who left us recently to return to college.

Jack Freidenrich is one of our

## MOVING PARKWAY BRIDGE INTO PLACE



While a tense throng looks on, foreman (arrow) directs the delicate operation of rolling into place a section of the Pennsylvania R. R. bridge over Route 4 Parkway at Iselin. Because of a heavy train schedule, this largest of all pre-assembled bridges (167 feet) was rolled in on Sunday, November 20. The contractor was the firm of Brann & Stewart, specialists in railroad structures. Commissioner Miller plans to have the 10-mile section of the Parkway, extending from Cranford to Woodbridge Township, ready for next summer's peak traffic loads. Paving contracts have been let.

recent additions to the Department. He is a very competent junior engineer.

Yep, Johnny Matchett got his deer. Taking a few days' vacation, he went to Maine to bag it. His companion and brother-in-law, John Oldenberg, also got himself a fine specimen.

Norman Sanwald sure is one tough hombre. He underwent a serious operation (the removal of his troublesome left eye), and came bouncing back to the office as chipper as ever. He's a great guy, yes sir!

Tony Fuca bought himself a TV set. Being a rabid sports fan, he'll get his fill of the fight shows. Don't ask about my set. It's always giving me trouble.

Rocco DiGiacomo is thinking of getting one of the new-fangled video boxes.

Rodger Coupe is back at his desk after a temporary sojourn at Newark. Incidentally, R. C. is building in North Caldwell.

Bumped into Dick Waugh the other day. He is now at Cranford, you know. We always enjoy the hearty hello he has for everyone.

Zampella and Weiss saw an attractive wrestling show in Paterson. The main feature was Mr. America vs. Primo Carnera. Being big fellows, themselves, rumor has it that they were invited to participate in the ring.

Sr. Eng. Aide Roland Schwartz is one of our field men. Personally, Roland, make some noise the next time you're in the office so we'll know you are here. We want to meet you.

We are going to mention the following: Pete Flipse, Carl Hansen, Don Miniaci, Bob Fredericks, Joe Graziano, and Johnny Nickens. Please, fellows, do something spectacular so that we can write up some news once in a while.

And now—to all of you—from all of us—HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Highway Bowling League December 5, 1949

	W.	L.
Equip.	23	10
Painters	18	15
Guards	18	15
Machine Shop	18	15
Electrical	16	17
Inspection	16	17
White Line	12	21
G. I's	12	21

## John C. H. Eyre, Jr.

John C. H. Eyre, Jr., principal engineer, passed away suddenly in the early hours of Saturday, December 3, at Hahnemann Hospital, Philadelphia. At 55, Jack was one of the oldest employees in years of service attached to the Gloucester office of the Survey and Plans Division, having come with the



JOHN EYRE, JR.

Department in May 1922. Born in Philadelphia, he attended public schools, Northeast High School and Drexel Institute. He was an ensign in the first world war and served with the Coast Guard Reserve in the late war. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane C. Eyre, a brother, George, and two sisters, Helen and Reva Eyre, to whom we extend the deepest sympathies of the Highway Department.

## Elsie T. Vanaman

Elsie Taylor Vanaman, 28, of the office of A. Lee Grover, chief clerk and secretary, died suddenly at her home on the Lawrenceville-Pennington Road on November 7th. She was the wife of Ralph Vanaman of the Planning and Economics Division.

Mrs. Vanaman, who was well known to all who had occasion to visit the Administration Division offices, had been with the Highway Department since June 1941, and since that time had served as Mr. Grover's secretary. Her friendly manner endeared her to all

## BRIDGE BRIEFS

CHESTER P. SMITH

L. C. Petersen took top honors with a low gross of 78 in the Engineers Club Golf Tournament held at the Tardley Country Club.

Nick Dondiego distinguished himself by winning first prize in the "basketball toss" at the Pines Outing on October 1.

Joe Malone became the proud and happy father of a nine pound baby boy on October 1.

Ladies Night at Cranbury Inn October 11 was a very pleasant affair. Wives, sweethearts, and daughters, looking their beautiful best, added to the success of the evening. John Krieg became not only the newly elected president of the Club, but also received news that he was grandfather to a brand new set of twin boys.

Leonard Busch had the misfortune to suffer a second degree burn on his hand from an exploding flash light bulb while taking pictures of the affair.

Charlie Fox visited his home town of Keesville, New York, in the Adirondacks. Other late vacationers included: William Umberger, Bryson Bugbee, Ralph Tittsworth, Harry Lefferson, and James Birkes.

Visitors: Jim Whitehead on Monday morning, November 14,—no special news, just his usual jollification. . . . Curtus Weller in Tuesday, November 15,—talked plenty, but nothing that could be construed as news. We have been missing visits from Jack Koffler, and no wonder, as we just received a card this morning (Nov. 28) from An-Nell Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., saying: "Feeling a lot better, getting lots of sunshine, regards to the gang."

Fred C. Dileo's daughter, Angelina, was married to Angelo Falchi of this city on November 26, at St. Joachim's Church. A reception followed at the Italian American Club.

who knew her and she will be sorely missed by her many friends and co-workers.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Vanaman is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Taylor of Trenton, a step-brother, Richard L. Taylor, and a step sister in Florida. On behalf of the Department THE HIGHWAY extends deepest sympathies.



## Glamor Gossip

DORIS and JOAN

Mildred L. Friedman (the L. is for "Lucky") recently won a new Fraser Manhattan. Mildred does not know how to drive, but we'd like to bet she'll learn in a hurry.

**Question of the Week:** Who is affectionately known as "Crash Gordon" around the Highway these days?

Good-bye and good luck go out to Ina Revoire who has left the Highway after serving the Department since high school days, and a big hello to Marguerite Doherty, who replaces Ina in the Right-of-Way, and also a welcome to Lea Carnassale of the Accounting Division.

Winifred Brady, who has been transferred from Trenton to the Gloucester Office, was given a luncheon in her honor at Linda's. Theresa Ryan and Martha Seales, hostesses, did an excellent job in arranging the affair. Winnie was presented with a beautiful watch from friends in the Highway Department. Our thanks to Mary Smeraldi who did a wonderful job in taking up the collection for the gift.

It is hard to tell if Claire Lazcon's eyes or ring was shining brighter the day she announced her engagement here. Ray Birch also is up in the clouds for the same reason. Best wishes, girls, and good luck.

Congratulations are extended to Claire Conleton of the Construction Division who has recently been joined in wedlock with Joseph Basco. Here's wishing Mr. and Mrs. Basco much happiness in the future.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Edith Farr upon the death of her mother on November 24, and to Mary Kelleher whose father passed away on November 25.

## Construction Comments

G. H. CONNER

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us to all of you.

James H. Driscoll's brother "Jack" went hunting and on his return to the club exhibited a huge jack rabbit. A friend asked if he had shot it and Jack said, "No, stupid, I ran him to death."

Occasion—Edward E. Reed's testimonial dinner.

What happened?—Young lady from Trenton congratulates a girl friend on her recent marriage and turns to man standing alongside of bride, congratulates and kisses him, and then finds out it was a friend of the newly married couple and not the groom. Was her face red?

A. A. Paul and the Missus celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this summer and took a trip. Congratulations to the Pauls with our best wishes for many more such occasions.

I promised Earl Parker that I would not write any news regarding him, but I could say that Mrs. Parker enjoys her new television set.

Some time ago I asked J. V. Kenny when he was going to get married. He informed me that he would like to get married but needed a new car. Well, he is now sporting a new Buick and I'm in a quandary as to whether it is for the purpose of taking him on his honeymoon trip.

The Mulhearns are now residing in their own home in Verona. Margaret has made a decorator out of Jim and he will give estimates for such work cheerfully.

Congratulations to the Paul Shidlowski's on their recent marriage after successfully locating an apartment.

Harry Shorkley is back on the job after a recent illness. Always said you couldn't keep a cork under water.

## PLANNING and ECONOMICS

B. T. PATTERSON

Once again the Christmas Season is upon us. To the members of the Division of Planning and Economics, with the joy of this Season, should come the added feeling of satisfaction that is rightfully theirs in having done a job better than ever before; 1949 has been a year of progress for the Division. As I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, may I add my sincere appreciation for your cooperation during this year and express the hope that next year will be one of even greater accomplishment.

O. HERBERT FRITZSCHE

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bates, Jr. They are the very proud parents of a baby girl, their second.

Fred Quinn is to be congratulated also. Fred was elected secretary-treasurer of the Mercer Council No. 4.

J. J. Jones has finally located a new apartment, the reward for patience and diligence.

If you see a young man and woman riding around in a convertible with the top down while the temperature is down to 32°, don't be alarmed. It's George DeHahn and his wife, both fresh-air addicts.

P. & G. is proud to name the boys who are continuing their education for the betterment of this Division and themselves. They are: Mort Gertel, Bob Nolan, Joe Kanda, and your reporter.

The Bureau extends a hearty welcome to Hal Moore of Stockton, N. J. Hal will serve the Bureau as a senior clerk.

Al Schwartz seems to be wearing a broader smile these days. How many days, hours and minutes has it been since the ring was given, Al?

We had Mr. Fritzsche, Helen Tallon, and Florence King tell us about the very successful party given to Mr. E. Reed.

I hear Len Dileo is practicing his tenor in pre-season warm-up for the Christmas party.

Anyone who collects stamps and would like to have some issues appraised, see Werner Sonntag.

Our past director, Mr. Johannesson, looking as well as ever, was in to see us the other day. He tells us that he has moved into his new home at 109 Laurel Road, Princeton, N. J. May we wish Mr. and Mrs. Johannesson many pleasant days there.

## PARKWAY PERSONALS

MARIE WALSH

Recently, Oliver A. Deakin, Parkway Engineer, has given several lectures before various organizations which included the Union Carbide Association, the Federation of New Jersey Shade Tree Commissioners, and the Somerset County Highway Safety Co-ordinating Committee.

"Snow in Connecticut," reports Herb Huntoon, "but fair weather in New Hampshire" where an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by Herb and family.

A hearty welcome is extended to Albert Quimby, assistant landscape architect, a new recruit for the Parkway Bureau. Al, a Navy veteran, has served six years in the Pacific and has received his degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State College.

Another income tax exemption for Jack Wolfe who became the proud papa of a 7-lb. 11 oz. son, Bradford Paul, on September 2.

"Sure and it's the luck of the Irish," said Marie Walsh beamingly when winning the door prize—an electric broiler for meat, fish, and sandwiches—at a dance on December 4.

## EQUIPMENT ITEMS

JAMES O'ROURKE

In keeping with spirit of Christmas the Administrative forces of the equipment Division, namely, F. C. Young, M. W. VanHise, J. R. C. Ettenger, H. Butterfass, J. Rochford, F. Brooks, Clarence Becker, F. M. Devereux, and Tom Doell extend to each and every one their best wishes for a very Merry Xmas and the happiest of New Years.

Sympathy of Fernwood is extended to Martin Hagen, tinsmith at Fenwood Station, for the loss of his wife who passed away at her home in Trenton after a long illness.

(Through an unfortunate oversight, the following item was left out of the last issue of THE HIGHWAY—Ed.) Sympathies of Fernwood are extended to the following who have lost some of their loved ones since the last edition of this paper: John Civenky, George Collins, and Andrew Petito, each on the loss of a brother; Frank O'Brien, on the loss of his sister; and George Engennach on the loss of his father.

On October 12 all Fernwood was saddened to learn that Joseph Constance, upholsterer at Fernwood Service Station for approximately 25 years, had passed away at his home here in Trenton after a short illness. Joe entered the employ of the Department on November 23, 1923, as an upholsterer and top maker and served at the Fernwood Service Station continuously. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Constance, one son, and five daughters. To them we extend our deepest sympathy.

Sympathy of Fernwood is also extended to Ernest Kuti, equipment operator, and Dan Dileo, painter, on the loss of their fathers who passed away at their respective homes in Trenton after a short illness.

Welcome back to Frank M. Devereux who returned to work after an extended sick leave spent in Maine.

Playing the piano and arranging music with the Tommy Dorsey orchestra is none other than Gene Kutsh, son of George Kutsh of Fernwood. He also wrote a song recorded for Victor Records by Charlie Ventura, well known band leader, which was due to be released in October. The name of the song: "Feathers Den."

The stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraemer and left a bouncing 8-lb. baby boy. Mother and son are now at home doing nicely and Pop Kraemer is also holding his own.

Recuperating at home after a serious operation is Mrs. Arthur Lutz, wife of Fernwood's Artie. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

A new addition to the Purchase and Stores staff at Fernwood is Kenny Hill, former army captain and well known baseball player.

A new gradfather in the Fernwood group is none other than Voorhees Brece who joined the group over the Thanksgiving holiday when his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Purcell, wife of Dr. Purcell, Jr., presented him with his first grandchild, a boy, named Garry Thomas Purcell.

## ELECTRICAL FLASHES

JOSEPH MAHAN

To all members of the Electrical Division my sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

JAMES L. HAYS

Following an intensive campaign by the personnel of the Trenton Office, elected Mary Forester and Dorothy Hudak to decorate the office for the holidays. They have more than justified the confidence of their electorate.

Welcome to our new co-workers—Harold Maser, draftsman, and Robert Pryor, bridge attendant.

WANTED—one slightly used

## Administration Division

BILL WARD

At this CHRISTMASTIDE I wish each and everyone of you a HAPPY and MERRY CHRISTMAS with the hope that the spirit of this DAY will be with us all now and in the long days to come.

CHARLES A. HURLEY

Mercer Council of the Civil Service Association presented Charles A. Hurley with a handsome dispatch case on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Council. The gift was in recognition of his tireless, constructive efforts for the past three years for the benefit of the Council.

The Department is represented in the Civil Service Bowling League with a team composed of Frank Matzer, Frank Kemble, Anthony Grea, Jack Stanley, Jr., Norman Horner, and Frank Dunn, captain. The team is currently in second place after having led the league since the start of the season. Captain Dunn has refused permission to the members of the group to go out for the basketball team, stating that he does not want them maimed and crippled and adding that, at their age, they should conceivably have more sense.

NOTES: The Mail Room loses one of its efficient staff when Frank Herrera leaves to join the Planning and Economics Division. Offsetting his loss, however, is the welcome addition of Stephen Boscov, brother of the well known Chub. "Pete," as he is called, has been assigned to the Duplicating Room, F. Gephart, Supv. . . Tall, modest Art Gennari of Purchase and Stores is quite an athlete. An end on the Santuzzi Oilers of the City Football League, he is also a member of the Highway basketball team. . . Frank Allen took to the woods this past hunting season for a week. . . Cyrus Card has purchased a new DeSoto. . . "Merry, Christmas."

## PROJECTS PARAGRAPHS

E. L. MEYER

Another year is coming a close. I want to express my appreciation to all employees of the Projects Division for their work during the year—some without regard to hours, but nevertheless the service was cheerfully given.

I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

EDWARD E. REED

The Projects Division wishes to express its sympathy to Jim Harding whose mother died recently after a long illness.

Mary D'Arcy has received letters from two of our inspectors who have been quite ill in recent weeks. Inspector Walter Threl in Brothers Hospital in Elizabeth recovering from an operation and Inspector Louis DeHart is slowly recovering from a very painful attack of sciatica and arthritis. We hope both are sufficiently recovered to enjoy the coming holidays.

The office force has gained one employee and lost another. Ray Projette has been taken on as an auditor to assist John Ruhlman. He formerly worked with the Motor Vehicle Department and is the proud papa of a month-old daughter.

Two new diamond rings are much in evidence about the office these days. Pat Birch has announced her engagement to Mr. George Dunn who lives near Syracuse, New York, and is now a student at Fordham University.

Julia Berman has also announced her engagement to Jules Cohen of Trenton. No dates have been set for the weddings.

lawn mower by Izzy Friedman for the front yard of his new home at 10 Stakes St., Freehold. The clay doesn't need cutting yet, but Izzy is looking ahead.

We're all praying for rain, especially Tom Deter whose well recently ran dry.

## Maintenance Notes

CHARLES J. DOHERTY

To all members of the Maintenance Division: With the coming of the Christmas season, I feel impelled to thank all the members of the Maintenance Division organization for their support and loyalty throughout the year which is now drawing to a close. I wish also at this time to extend to each and every one of you, and to your families, my heartfelt wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Alex. W. Muir.

Now that we are getting into winter weather again, it becomes once more necessary for the Maintenance Division to think of snow removal operations. Tony Kuhn, who has had the unenviable task of assembling and organizing all of the various data pertaining to this important phase of State Highway Department work, reports that the program for the 1950-51 season is now complete and that we are all set to combat the worst that King Winter may have to offer.

Condolences are extended to Russ Geller and Jules Megules; to the former whose brother died a few months ago, and to the latter whose father died not so long ago.

To the families and relatives of the following we also extend our sympathies: Michael Spina of East Orange, formerly with Foreman Lutz, who died on October 29, 1949; Henry Ackerman of Jersey City, formerly with Foreman Laing, who died October 18, 1949.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. McGinnis recently celebrated their second wedding anniversary. Mac says that it's still wonderful.

## LABORATORY LINES

CHRIS KUCKER

Among those attending the testimonial dinner given in honor of Mr. Reed were Fred Baumann, Russell Sigafos, Bill Ryan, Jim Tuozello, Steve Druzbasky, Arnold Kalamann, Jennie Houman, Merrill Scheiner, Sebastian Scallzetti, Peg Beatty, Harry Partington, Francis McDermott, Ed Baumann, Wm. Manning, and Chris Kucker.

Busy these days, furthering their education as part time students, are Mike Hrabovski at Trenton Junior College; George Hutchinson and John Banashak at Rutgers University. John will soon take on another full-time job, having announced his engagement to Alice Jeanne Little.

Russell and Mrs. Sigafos recently combined a vacation with their wedding anniversary celebration, spending some pleasant days at Atlantic City's famous Chalfonte Hotel.

Deepest sympathies are extended to Herbert Diefenderfer and his family occasioned by the sudden death of his brother in San Renito, Texas.

John Henry spending a quiet week in Atlantic City was summoned from bed at 4:00 a. m. one morning. The reason was the fire on the Million Dollar Pier. John's locked car was parked in a lot near by and police had ordered the lot cleared of all cars, fearing they would be damaged.

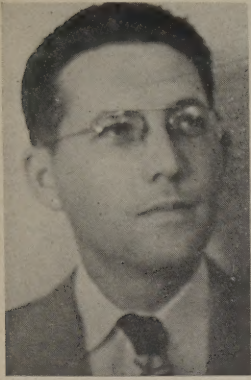
Winning television sets seems to be a pleasant habit with Lab employees; the latest lucky winner being Joe McGrath who is now in possession of a new Westinghouse receiver.

Sharane Heberling, one of our very popular stenographers, was suddenly stricken with an attack of appendicitis. A quick recovery following an emergency operation.

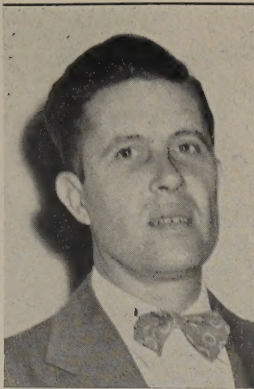
Owen Henry found out the hard way. Seems that bets were made with some of the boys in the Lab who shoot darts in the 40's. Latest report is that Owen is practicing secretly and looking for a return engagement.



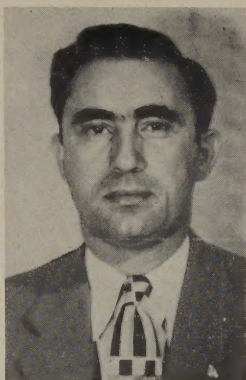
## TO RECEIVE SUGGESTION AWARDS AT CHRISTMAS PARTY



GEORGE GORDON



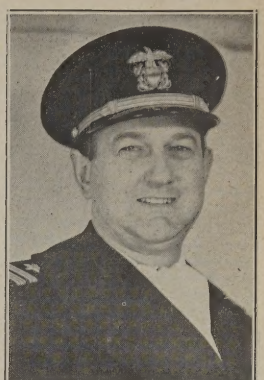
G. C. JORGENSEN



ANTHONY CREA



FULTON BONNER



OLIVER A. DEAKIN

Awards will be made to the above men, among others, at the Christmas Services which are scheduled for Friday noon, December 23. The awards, which have resulted from evaluation of suggestions submitted, will be in the form of cash and certificates of merit as in former years. In each

instance the Suggestion Committee has carefully studied the results of the suggestion and have recommended recognition of the suggester as follows: George Gordon of Linden, \$50.00 cash and a Certificate of Merit for his suggestion recommending the Mechanical Reproduction of Tracings; George C. Jorgensen of Manasquan, \$35.00 upon further

evaluation of his suggestion advocating the use of L-E-Vation Rods in survey work; Anthony M. Crea of Trenton, \$35.00 for his suggestion to train inspectors in the use of sieves; Edward W. Downs of Red Bank, \$25.00 for suggesting a mirror attachment on drawbridge traffic lights; Benjamin Cleave of Morris Plains, \$15.00 for his suggestion advoc-

ating the use of snow fence as a fire control measure; Fulton Bonner of Pomona, who advocated the use of a hitchbar on Mack trucks, will receive a \$15.00 award. A \$10.00 award will be given to Oliver A. Deakin of Plainfield for his suggestion to mark patrol graders; and to Clarence Alpaugh of Califon, who suggested placing a side step on

trucks, the final award of \$5.00 will be given.

These awards mark the greatest amount of money that has been paid out for suggestions and should serve as an incentive to other men and women in the Department to suggest ways of improving the safety or efficiency, or of reducing the cost of other types of operations.

## ANNUAL DINNER OF TEN YEAR CLUB ATTENDED BY OVER THREE HUNDRED

Service Awards to 20 and 25 Year Employees Feature 19th Annual Meeting

More than three hundred veteran employees of the State Highway Department gathered at the Hotel Stacy Trent in Trenton on November 7 to celebrate the 19th annual dinner of the Ten Year Club and honor fellow members who had completed 20 and 25 years with the State Highway Department. The annual election of officers was a co-feature of the evening which was enjoyed by all who attended.

As a result of the elections the following officers will preside over the destinies of the Club for the coming year: Clyde W. Case, president; Edward McCardell, 1st vice president; John Rochford, 2nd vice president; Russell Henry, 3rd vice president; Edward Drake, secretary; Russel Johnson, asst. secretary; John Kownacky, financial secretary; John Gulch, asst. financial secretary; Arthur Egan, treasurer.

### Pins to 20 and 25 Year Men

Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr., acting State Highway engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick, Charles M. Noble, chief engineer of the Turnpike Authority, were the guests of honor. Each spoke glowingly of the Club and its accomplishments through the years.

Service award pins were given to members of the Club who had completed 20 and 25 years of service with the State Highway Department. These were presented on behalf of the Club by Commissioner Miller and Mr. Kilpatrick, the Commissioner making the 25-year presentations. The following men received 25-year pins: Wesley Bates, Ronald M. Beck, J. T. Car, Jr., Guy Cava-gnaro, Thomas Doell, John Deter, H. H. Diefenderfer, Fred C. Dileo, Peter Ehrhart, Charles Fleck, Louis Gardello, Henry Henken, Harry Hill, David Howell, John Hulse, Harry Hunter, Edward Johnson, M. Marchettini, Michael Misamin, Thomas Pierce, Charles Redrow, W. L. Rogers, Thomas Rosatto, Barney Ruderman, William Ryan, Charles Sagers, Wilson Sharpe, Samuel Shebell, Harry Short, Robert Simon, J. C. Smoliga, C. H. Spence, Wilbur H. Spencer, Benjamin Stokes, R. B. Titsworth, M. L. Vail, Roger Voorhis, W. A. Weatherby, and Frank Wilday.

Twenty-year pins were awarded to the following: Bertall Adams, Alvin Ballinger, J. H. Beers, J. F. Boulden, J. A. Bowley, Paul Davis, Henry Denmead, Harry Dittmar, Frank Dunn, Frank Eckert, Arthur Egan, DeForest Ely, A. P. Gabrenas, F. A. Gephart, Earl Hagy, M. A. Hangen, Flavin Ireton, J. S. Karr, H. D. Kettlewood, Fred T. Knight, A.

W. Leida, Frank Lewallen, J. P. Lutz, T. H. MacRorie, James Malloy, Frank Matzer, Julius Megules, George McCann, H. P. Mitchell, Warren Oldham, J. M. Parker, David Rodman, Thomas Russo, C. C. Sagers, R. A. Snyder, A. F. Sofield, Sr., A. Squillanti, E. G. Topping, William VanBremen, James Walter, and J. A. Whitehead, Jr.

### CLUB PRESIDENT



CLYDE W. CASE

## Highway Exhibit in Newark Museum

The State Highway Department's exhibit of Parkways and Freeways will be on display at the Newark Museum on Washington St., from January 11 to February 12, inclusive.

During the month of November this same exhibit was viewed by more than 7,000 people at the State Museum in Trenton. Models

of Route 4 Parkway, the Trenton Freeway and other freeway models, together with drawings and photographs of Parkway and Turnpike construction make this a timely exhibition.

It is planned to embrace details of the Inter-State Parkway as well as a diorama of the Palisades at the Newark exhibit.



Reflecting the gala spirit of the evening, the officers and guests of honor at the recent Ten-Year Club dinner pose for their portrait. Seated (from the left) are: Clyde Case, newly elected president; Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr.; retiring President Kenneth Craft; Acting State Highway Engineer Edward W. Kilpatrick; Commander Charles M. Noble, chief engineer, New Jersey Turnpike Authority. In the rear are: Arthur Egan, club treasurer; John Kownacky, financial secretary; Thomas Russo, retiring financial secretary; Edward Drake, secretary; and John Rochford, 2nd vice president. Absent at the time photo was taken were the following officers: Edward McCardell, Russell Henry, John Gulch, and Russell Johnson.

## Highway Employees Participate In Diabetes Tests

The State Department of Health, through Governor Driscoll, recently offered State employees in Mercer County the opportunity of taking, without cost to the individual, tests to determine whether or not they were potential sufferers from diabetes, the fifth most frequent cause of death in the United States.

In cooperation with this health program, Highway men and women were contacted by the Compensation and Claims office, which delivered sample tubes and containers throughout all offices, Fernwood shops, and among Maintenance crews. It was found that approximately 50% of those contacted availed themselves of this service. Among office workers the number of men and women who complied with the request was only about 40%, while among the shop and field forces about 60% participated.

It should be understood that this program covered only Mercer County and that Highway employees in other counties will doubtlessly be contacted at some later date.

## New Manual Set For Distribution

600 Copies Available To Construction Men Upon Request

Part I of the Construction Manual covering the work of the Department of Design and Construction has been completed in mimeographed form and is ready for distribution.

The Manual was prepared by Julius J. Newmark, Special Engineer, in cooperation with other members of the department, under the direction of State Highway Commissioner Spencer Miller, Jr. It is the result of the suggestion of Commander Charles M. Noble, State Highway Engineer, now on leave.

Part I of the Manual contains general and miscellaneous information pertinent to the work in the Department of Design and Construction, the policies of the department relating thereto, as well as general information affecting the rights and privileges, and the duties and responsibilities of the employees. Division 1 discusses the organization, functions, and lines of authority in the Department of Design and Construction, and the methods of coordination and collaboration. Division 2 includes general information, suggestions and instructions to employees referring to personnel and employment, retirement privileges, leaves, travel reimbursement, State property, and related items.

Division 3 contains an abstract of general orders and instructions effecting specifically the work and employees in the Department of Design and Construction.

Division 4 discusses operations supplemental to that described in the Manual for Chiefs of Party heretofore issued, covering such items as the work of utility coordinators in the field, preparation of Supplementary Specifications in field offices, and the work incident to preparation of bridge plans and designs.

Division 5 includes seven sections covering operations related to design and construction and involving collaboration with other divisions, such as Right-of-Way, Maintenance, Materials and Laboratory, Soil Mechanics, Parkways, Models and Renderings, and Electrical Design and Construction.

Division 6 discusses steps in contract procedure, processing of plans and specifications, Federal Aid, prequalification of bidders, and award of contract.

Part II of the Manual, which is in the process of preparation, will have to do with "Control of State Highway and Bridge Construction Operations and Inspection."